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CONSIDERATION OF COPIES OF PETITIONS, COPIES OF REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO TRUST AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND TO ALL OTHER TERRITORIES TO WHICH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) APPLIES, IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 15 OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its forty-third session, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination considered copies of reports and other documentation relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories submitted to it in 1993 in accordance with decisions of the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention. The Committee's expressions of opinion and recommendations 1/ were submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in accordance with article 15, paragraph 3 of the Convention as well as to the United Nations bodies concerned.

2. At its 1993 session, the Special Committee continued to follow the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and to monitor related developments in the Territories, having regard to the relevant provisions of article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. 2/

3. Any further action which the Special Committee may take in connection with the transmission of information to the Committee under article 15 of the Convention will be brought to the attention of the Committee at a later date, as appropriate.

4. In accordance with earlier decisions of the Special Committee and the Trusteeship Council, however, the Secretary-General will make available to the Committee, at its forty-fourth session, copies of the working papers on the various Territories, prepared by the Secretariat for the Special Committee and the Trusteeship Council in 1994, as well as a number of 1993 working papers which were not available for consideration by the Committee at its previous session. 3/

5. Accordingly, the Committee will have before it at its forty-fourth session the following documents:

Bermuda	A/AC.109/1143
American Samoa	A/AC.109/1145
Pitcairn	A/AC.109/1146
Tokelau	A/AC.109/1147
Guam	A/AC.109/1148
United States Virgin Islands	A/AC.109/1150
Saint Helena	A/AC.109/1152
East Timor	A/AC.109/1154
Western Sahara	A/AC.109/1163
Gibraltar	A/AC.109/1164
Falkland Islands	A/AC.109/1168 and Corr.1

6. Working papers relating to other Territories which may be prepared by the Secretariat will be submitted to the Committee as they become available, as will copies of petitions, documents and decisions which the Special Committee may decide to transmit to the Committee under article 15 of the Convention.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth session, Supplement No. 18 (A/48/18), para. 588.

2/ See A/48/23 (Part I), paras. 87 and 99.

3/ For the list of the 1993 working papers relating to the Territories which were considered by the Committee at its forty-second and forty-third session, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth session, Supplement No. 18 (A/48/18) annex IX.